

## West Hartford Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date: December 1, 2014

Time: 5:30 pm.

Place: Room 217, Town Hall

### Board Members Present:

Chris Bennett, Mandy Pike, Mike Esernia, Lynne Tapper, Brian Steckroth, John Zinn, Sarah Needham, Bruce Whitney

### Board Members Absent:

Jennifer Strassfeld

### Others Present:

Friends of Fernridge Park

#### 1. Friends of Fernridge Park Survey

Representatives from The Friends of Fernridge Park shared information that was collected from an online survey. This information was presented to the Board for informational purposes and is viewed a possible information that can be used at other parks areas in town.

#### 2. Veterans Skating Rink Update

Marc reported the news that the operation of VMSR will remain under the direction of the Leisure Services Department. The town will be update job descriptions in the coming weeks to fill positions at the facility.

#### 3. Beachland Pool Renovation Update

Marc reported that the Beachland Pool project is underway. The pool house, wading pool and most of the existing pools have been demolished and removed from the site. In conjunction with the pool renovation the access road has also been redesigned to allow for more parking on the top of the hill as well as an area to allow for drop off and pick up. Completion is expected to be done in time to reopen in June 2015.

#### 4. Dog Park Update

Marc reported that the Town has begun to explore and area behind Cornerstone Pool as an appropriate site to build a Dog park in the future. This site exploration is still in the conceptual stages with no final decision. If the site is deemed acceptable, the town and the Dog Park Coalition would then begin all of the proper steps to gain approval for use from the town.

#### 5. Board Member Openings

Chris Bennett reported that there are currently three members on the Board whose terms end this month. Bruce Whitney, Lynne Tapper and John Zinn will all complete their terms this year. Chris will be checking with the Town Clerk on any application for the Board.

#### 6. 2015 Meeting Dates

The following dates have been proposed for 2015: 1/26, 3/18, 5/18, 6/15, 9/21 & 11/16

Meeting adjourned 7:00 PM